THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir,

(c) Government of Ukraine has responded positively and a fresh decree was issued on 10th June, 1993 in accordance with which all foreign citizens in Ukrainian educational establishments who were admitted for study till 1992 will be allowed to finish their educatioin "according to previous conditions". Goverment of India has thanked Ukraine for this gesture of friendship and co-operation.

Induction of Arab Volunteers in Kashmir

1092. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is trying to induct about 5,000 Arab volunteers in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) what preventive measures have been taken by Goverment to meet the situation; and

(c) whether the matter has also been taken up with the Pakistan Goverment in this regard, if so, what is their reaction and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Goverment are aware that nationals of certain foreign conutries are attempting to cross over into J&K from Pakistan. Security forces are on full alert with regard to this situation.

(c) Goverment have, on several occasions and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India including infiltration of armed militants into J&K. Regrettably, Pakistan's support to such subversive activities continues unabated.

Military Built op on Indian side of Border

1093. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit to the sub-continent of the U. S. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South Asia Affairs, Mr. John R Maiott, report of alleged military build up on Indian side of the international border and the line of control appeared in Pakistani Press;

(b) if so, what were the Pak allegations in this regard; and

(c) what was Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Goverment have seen reports in the Pak media during the month of May, 1993 alleging concentration and additional deployment of troops by India on the border and Line of Control.

(c) Government have clarified that these media reports were incorrect and have reiterated our commitment to the agreement between Inida and Pakistan on Advance Notice of Military Exercises and Manoeuvres signed on 6th April, 1991.

Vioktion of Human rights

1094. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment's attention has been drawn to the report in the Times of India dated June 18, 1993 to the effect that U S. House of Representatives has unanimously adopted an amendment to the U. S. Foreigh Operations Appropriation Bill, which by implication censured India for alleged violation of Human Rights and urged New Delhi to improve the situation in Punjab, Kashmir and Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the same day the US Congress decisively turned down a controversial amendment (to the S. Foreign Aid Bill) seeking to deny India America's Development Assistance of 41 million in the current fiscal year; and

(c) if so, what is the Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes Sir. The amendment was not India-specific since it approved a cut of US $ 4.1 million from the total allocation, although the debate focussed on human rights issues in India;

(b) Yes Sir

(c) Goverment have noted these developments.

Compensation paid to Immigrants Abroad

1095. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of immigrant workers who met with accidents while on duty abroad and were paid compensation during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the number of cases that are pending with Goverment during this period, country-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Goverment in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(c) Indian Missions have standing instructions to liaise with host governments to assist Indian nationals in having their compensation claims settled without delay in case of any difficulty. All such cases are not, however, reported to the Indian Mission concerned. Whenever Mission is asked for assistance in case of delay or denial of compensation to an Indian national, the mission takes the matter up with the concerned authorities of the host government or the employer for resolution of the problem.

Statement Given by Pakistan PM to CNN

1096. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Pakistan Prime Minister's statement to the CNN on June 3, 1993 after taking over the assignment, following the Pak-Supreme Court's judgement proposing to give up arms race with India and to come to a negotiated settlement on Kashmir issue expeditiously;

(b) if so, whether any official communication on move has been made by Pak Government on these lines; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government have seen media reports regarding former Pakistan Prime Minister Mr. Nawaz Sharifs interview to the CNN in which he, *inter alia,* stated India and Pakistan should resolve their outstanding issues.

(b) In response to a goodwill message sent by Prime Minister on May 27,1993 addressed to the former Pakistan Prime Minister Mr. Nawaz Sharif he sent a message which, *inter alia,* stated that India and Pakistan could make a fresh beginning to resolve the bilateral issues.

(c) Government remains committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral dialogue. However, meaningful discussions can only be held once a climate is created which is conducive to promoting mutual trust and confidence. For this Pakistan must stop its support to subversion and terrorism directed against India.

Attack on Iraq by United States of America

1097. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the United States rocket attack on the intelligence headquarters of Iraq at Baghdad he issued a statement approving the attack but urged on nonviolation of a country's sovereignty;

(b) whether he considers a military attack within the territory of a country is not an attack on its sovereignty; and

(c) whether from his own sources he was convinced that Iraq did plan the failed assassination of the former US President; George Bush during his visit to Kuwait ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The statement did not approve of the attack. It expressed concern about violation of sovereignty and adverse effects on peace and stability in West Asia. It sympathised with the people of Iraq. The statement issued by the official spokesman is annexed, (see below)

(c) The Government has no access to any independent information in this connection.